

LAW-MAKING BODY HAS GOOD RECORD

LOPPED OFF TWO MILLION DOLLARS FROM PUBLIC EXPENSE.

USELESS OFFICES WERE ABOLISHED

No New Boards or Commissions Were Created to Exist on Public Pay.

The recent session of the Legislature really made a very commendable record for itself. In a great many instances important savings were effected. Some constructive legislation was created and many senseless laws were repealed. The Legislature appropriated and left standing in millage and taxes and continuing appropriations \$6,477,831 for the next two years as against \$7,735,821 in 1913, a net reduction of \$1,257,990. With laws repealed and consolidations effected the total state reductions will be two millions. No new taxes were imposed.

MANY COUNTIES ARE IN DEBT

Few Are Free From the Yoke of Financial Liability.

Public debt, for some reason, holds the attention of people to almost the same degree of interest as personal obligations. In this connection it is interesting to note the financial status of the several counties of Oregon. It is a curious fact that few instances can be noted where municipal, district county or state indebtedness does not exist. According to the report of Insurance Commissioner Wells, which was submitted to the State department on February 26, for the quarter ending December 31, 1914, shows that 23 Oregon counties were involved to greater or less extent, and 11 were free from financial obligation. The commissioner offers as an explanation for the condition that the showing is made at the close of the year, when public funds have been exhausted. The compilation of the commissioner shows the following interesting conditions:

Counties not bonded, having deficits are: Baker \$11,765.23; Benton, \$27,581.13; Clackamas, \$138,-

NEW CIRCUIT JUDGE

Washington County Lawyer Picks a Judicial Place.

George R. Bagley, of Hillsboro, has been appointed circuit judge for the Nineteenth judicial district by Governor Withycombe. It comprises Tillamook and Washington counties, and was created by the recent legislature. Mr. Bagley was born January 25, 1871, in Canton, O., and came to Oregon in 1885, settling at Hillsboro. He read law under the late Congressman T. H. Tongue, and was admitted to the bar June 1, 1895, and since 1906 has been engaged in the practice of law at Hillsboro. Judge Bagley is well known to many Columbia county people having practiced in the circuit court here on many occasions. His acquaintance here join his legion of friends in congratulations and best wishes for his rapid rise as a jurist.

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Puccini, the composer, recently declared in a letter that he was not unfriendly toward Germans, and his operas were kept on in Berlin. Now Paris, because of the same letter, has barred his works.

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THE MOTHER OF LINCOLN BEACHEY, FROM THE TOWER OF JEWELS, 435 FEET ABOVE THE EARTH, AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, WATCHES HER SON LOOP HIS ONE THOUSANDTH LOOP.

When Lincoln Beachey, a son of San Francisco, on the occasion of his homecoming after breaking all world records as a daredevil loop of 999 loops, performed two entirely new and death defying stunts over the completed palaces of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition it was his aged mother who for the first time waved him on to fresh achievements. Mrs. Beachey held a place of honor, 435 feet up in the air, on the tiptop of the wonderful Tower of Jewels. From this vantage she was able to watch every erratic move of her daredevil son. She cried out only once. That was when he wrote the figures "1000" against the clouds, high above the two miles of completed exhibit palaces, significant of the looping of his one thousandth loop.

fees and licenses were reduced. No new boards or commissions were created, taxes were lowered, limited and made easier payable, conditions for industries were made easier and new industries were promoted, is the record made. This Legislature enacted no laws penalizing corporations, attacking investments, or placing obstacles in the way of capital coming to Oregon. The following remedial, beneficial and constructive laws in the interest of retrenchment and economy and to produce revenues were passed:

Law to repeal continuing appropriations cuts off many fixed charges.

Limiting tax levies of all taxing bodies in the state.

Reduce railroad commission appropriation from \$105,000 to \$80,000 and cut off 17 salaries.

Joint memorial to collect \$466,872 taxes and return of Oregon & California land grant to state.

Semi-annual tax law making taxes payable April 5 and November 5, without penalties.

Abolishing useless state census will save state and counties \$50,000.

Permitting insane patients to be paroled, reducing fixed charges of state asylums.

Biennial appropriation of \$10,000 for bubonic plague repealed.

Counties given share of game law fines.

Abolishing license fees for fishing in Pacific Ocean or bays.

Requiring boards and departments to pay for printing out their own funds.

Law to collect revenue from trading stamp devices.

Reducing cost of elections by abolishing one judge on each of 2000 election boards.

Permanent registration law with card index, saving counties and cities large sums.

Exempting state institutions from eight hour law.

Abolishing state immigration board and accountancy system.

Establishing flax industry for employment of idle convict labor.

Consolidation of State Engineer and State Highway Engineer.

Requiring banks to pay two per cent on deposits of county funds.

017.90; Coos, \$99,195.57; Crook, \$91,814.21; Curry, \$36,316.65; Gilliam, \$7,527.08; Harney, \$57,367.44; Josephine, \$257,974.05; Klamath, \$476,345.99; Lane, \$56,826.57; Lincoln, \$72,845.78; Malheur, \$27,733.17; Morrow, \$2,460.05; Polk, \$27,607.27; Umatilla, \$11,145.82; Wasco, \$8,516.31; Wheeler, \$54,305.41.

Counties that are not bonded and which have a surplus are: Douglas, \$64,952.47; Grant, \$32,728.99; Lake, \$10,926.19; Linn, \$3,589.61; Marion, \$115,999.09; Sherman, \$6,514.68; Tillamook, \$876.95; Union, \$3428.49; Wallowa, \$1,639.35; Washington, \$54,506.41.

Counties with bonded indebtedness and their deficits are: Clatsop, \$454,994.18; Columbia, \$275,752.06; Hood River, \$16,984.52; Jackson, \$735,191.99. Multnomah alone of the bonded counties has a surplus, it amounting to \$165,222.47.

The bonded debts of the above counties are as follows: Clatsop, \$389,153; Columbia, \$350,060; Hood River, \$50,000; Jackson, \$500,000; Multnomah, \$250,000.

This report was made by the commissioner in the capacity of state accountant, and will be the last report he will make, as the law abolishing that state department will become operative some time in May.

PREPARE FOR BIG PACK.

Salmon Cannery Look for Unusual Demand for Product

Chinese contractors who employ cannery hands for the salmon ships which go from the Columbia River to Alaska every Spring, are making preparations for the biggest season in that line of business they have experienced for a number of years. Accordingly they are importing more Chinese merchandise than they have on former occasions preceding the period of the ships outfitting for their annual pilgrimage to the North. Because of the war, creating an unusual demand for all sorts of food-stuffs, it is held by packers that the canneries in Alaska the coming season, which starts in April, will be operated to their full capacity.

constructed. Contracts were awarded last Saturday. Most of the work will be done by Oregon and Washington people, however, the largest single item, that of supplying the steel, goes to the United Steel Products Company, of New York, the cost of which will be \$417,316.20. This span will complete the link enabling uninterrupted traffic between Oregon and Washington, by means of the Pacific highway.

SUCCESS FOR NEW CANNERY.

The co-operative cannery at Newberg, Oregon, paid to farmers of that region \$24,454 last year, practically all of it for produce which would otherwise have been lost. The cannery made a net profit of about \$3,000, which was better than expected for the first year. Co-operative establishments of this kind are likely to prove the salvation of thousands of Oregon farmers.



1915 FORD

Where are you going my happy man?
"I'm going to buy a car," said Ham.
So the son of Ham and Ham himself,
And Ham's son Ham, and Ham's
young elf,
Ham's cousin Kate and Uncle Mc-
Cord—
In fact the whole Ham family bought
a "Ford."

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